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## **FORMER MARANA INMATE SENTENCED FOR FALSE INCOME TAX RETURNS WHILE IN PRISON**

TUCSON, ARIZONA -- Daniel G. Johnson, 28, a former inmate at the Marana Community Correctional Treatment Facility, was sentenced on June 28, 2006, to 33 months in prison by United States District Judge David C. Bury, in Tucson, for submitting two false claims for federal income tax refunds to the Internal Revenue Service totaling \$209,815.00 while he was an inmate at the Marana facility, in violation of Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 287 (presenting a false claim to an agency of the United States).

On December 17, 2003, Johnson was indicted by a federal grand jury at Tucson, Arizona, for five counts of presenting false income tax returns to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The returns fraudulently sought total refunds of \$600,474.00 for Johnson and two other inmates at the Marana facility. In his guilty pleas to two counts on October 28, 2005, Johnson admitted that in November 2000, he willingly and knowingly presented to the IRS a fraudulent 1999 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return in his name. The return claimed false wages and income tax withholdings, with a false claim of refund for \$2,129.00. Johnson also admitted that in April 2001, he filed a fraudulent 2000 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return in his name. Johnson falsely claimed of wages of \$117,596.93 and gambling winnings of \$947,835.50. He claimed he was entitled to an income tax refund of \$207,686.00.

Johnson's transportation from a Nevada state prison where he was serving a sentence for fraud was delayed due to an intervening extradition by Oklahoma for a fraud prosecution in that state. Johnson was transferred to federal custody in the District of Arizona in April 2005. On October 28, 2005, Johnson pleaded guilty to Counts 2 and 3 of the Indictment which alleged the two false claims for income tax refunds on which he was sentenced. Johnson's 33 month sentence was ordered to run consecutive to any state sentence (Nevada and/or Oklahoma) for which he is now serving a custodial sentence. After his release from federal custody, Johnson will be under federal post-release supervision for an additional three years.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by special agents of the Criminal Investigation Unit of the Internal Revenue Service.

The prosecution was handled by Danny N. Roetzel, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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